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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

HUANG ET AL.

Examiner

Hung v. Duong

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 6-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4 and 5 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

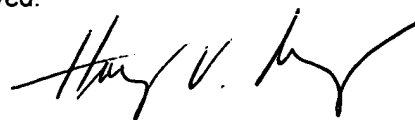
Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.



Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.

- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) **HUNG VAN DUONG**
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ **PRIMARY EXAMINER**
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: missed spelling "aid" in line 7, should change to --said--. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-3, 6, 8-12 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zainaleain (US Pat. 5,191,276) in view of Oddsen, JR (US 2004/0222344).

Regarding claims 1-3, 6, 8-12, Zainaleain discloses in figures 2-3, a casing 10, the casing 10 having a back side and at least two recessed locating holes 52 respectively disposed in at least two corners of the back side; and two plugs 42 to be respectively press-fitted to two of the at least two recessed locating holes 52 adjacent to one same peripheral side of the casing 10, the plugs 42 each comprising a center through hole, and a pin 54 insertable into the center through hole to radially expand the respective plug 42 into friction engagement with one of the at least two recessed

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locating holes 52 of the casing 10 into which the respective plug 42 is press-fitted, the pin 54 having an outer diameter greater than an inner diameter of the center through hole 52 wherein the plugs 42 comprising a head, wherein the head comprising a bottom side and an upper surface wherein the bottom side of the head is stopped outside the back side of the casing when the plug inserted into one of the at least two recessed locating holes of the casing wherein the outer surface of the shank of each of the plug is peripherally ribbed; at least two recessed locating holes each are peripherally ribbed on the wall inside wherein the pin of each of the plugs is respectively made from metal wherein the pin of each of the plugs each further comprising a pull tab at one end wherein the pull tab is fastened pivotally with the end of the pin wherein the pull tab is a pull ring.

Zainaleain fails to disclose the plug extend from locating holes. However Oddsen, JR discloses the plug extend from locating holes (see para. 103). Therefore, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the plug extend from locating holes of Serjak et al into Zainaleain's plug in order to secure and support the component.

4. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zainaleain (US Pat. 5,191,276) in view of Oddsen, JR (US 2004/0222344) and further in view of Versluys (US Pat. 6,752,264).

Regarding claim 7, Zainaleain and Oddsen, JR disclose all the subject matter of the claimed invention except for the plugs is respectively molded from rubber. However Versluys discloses the plugs are respectively molded from rubber (see Versluys's

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column 3, lines 31-35). Therefore, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill to include the plugs are respectively molded from rubber of Versluys into Zainaleain and Oddsen, JR's plug in order to seal the passages.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 4-5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art fails to disclose the head comprising a recess on the upper surface of the head.

Conclusion

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the

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shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

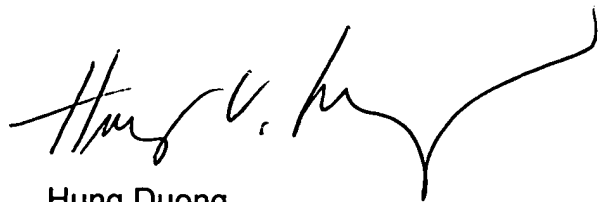
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hung v Duong whose telephone number is 571-272-2041. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8:30 to 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynn Field can be reached on 571-272-2092. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hung V. Duong', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Hung Duong
Primary Examiner.